STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 52

SENATE BILL NO. 1675

By Tate

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1757

By Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, relative to certificates of need for nursing home beds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 68-11-1629.

- (a) Any existing licensed and operating nursing home may relocate all or less than all of its licensed beds to not more than two (2) new locations if the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (1) The original facility is subject to a condemnation proceeding by a railroad which has a property interest in property adjacent to facility's property;
 - (2) The original facility is licensed for more than two hundred thirty (230) beds by the Department of Health and is certified for Medicaid and Medicare participation;
 - (3) Any proposed location for relocation of beds is within the original facility's service area; and
 - (4) One (1) or more applications for the relocation of the beds is filed with and approved by the health services development agency pursuant to this part.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall affect a certificate of need project filed before the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 30, 2009

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of April 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR